MEMPHIS APPEAL

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OUR ISSUE OF THE FIRST OF SEP

TEMBER ON WEDNESDAY, the first of September next, we will publish for the benefit especially of our country friends, a full report of the trade and commerce of Memphis for the year 1874-5, particularly so much of it as embraces the cotton trade. As is our custom at the beginning of the commercial year, we shall issue a very large edition of the AP-PEAL, and our pages for that occasion will for pardon, seeks protection and assistbe enlarged to our weekly size, each containing ten columns. We shall endeavor to make the APPEAL of the first of September every way worthy | therefore, discourage the habit of praythe prestige of former years, and trust hat we will be sustained in our efforts by the merchants and business men, in whose interests particularly it is to be prayer of the righteous man availeth published. Advertisers will do well to

THE PATAL MISTABLE. In politics the New York Herald is a warfare on its own hook. But it must be admitted that there is philosophy, wisdom and practical sense in much that is said by this wonderful paper. The Herald of the twenty-fourth instant had a long and able article, showing that it was the true policy of the Republican party, after the war, to make the conquered south content. We make the following extract from the Heroid's editorial: "Instead of rigorously excluding all the leading minds of the south from office and council, they should have carefully looked over the field and called to the cabinet at least two of the most influential of the younger public men of the south; they should have called into their party councils leading and conspicuous men from every southern State, and given to these the disposal of the Federal patronage in their States; they should have arranged the important foreign missions so that several southern men of real influence would represent the country abroad; they should have forgotten that there had been a war, and insisted only that the men men of influence in their communities, about the work of reconciliation would have been avoided, as there would have and especially its capitalists and manurecuperation of their prostrate industries of all commercial exchanges, was of un- And why should religion be jealous betages would more than have recuperated is ever present in the most unimportant from the disastrous shock of the war. If | processes of nature should refuse to this the Republican party had been wise, as he may choose, even in compliance therefore—proven half discreet in its with the supplication of his creatures. Is policy toward the south immediately | He the slave of his own laws? Do His after the war-that section would have own processes control Him? They are more promptly recuperated from its effects than the north even, and would that the tools of the artisan are greater have reasserted her supremacy in cotton, tobacco and sugar-raising over any than he who uses them. On the other hand, to expect that these chosen modes and processes shall be lightly modified other portion of the habitable globe. For war does not secure the soil, it offens war does not scourge the soil; it oftener fattens it with the bones of its victims. or changed at the instance of every capricious intermeddler who sets himself up as an authoritative interpreter of sa-And the first breath of national life, after this desolating scourge has swept by, stand concern in them, would be quite is always drawn from the all-nourishing as blasphemous as this blasphemy of bosom of our common mother, the which you stand accused, Messrs. Apearth. It was because France was so PEAL. universally agricultural that her people evinced their wonderful elasticity so immediately after the late war that scourged almost everything but the scourged almost everything but the imperishable worth of her soil. It may not be too late to regain some of the lost the inclosed you have a positive miration or importunity?" To this it may be the inclosed you have a positive miration or importunity?" relentless animosities toward the south. But this cannot be done by retaining the party of hate in power. There must | New York Sun, 23d.] be not only a complete change in the Grove, which will close on Friday next, has had an extraordinary experience in administrative policy of the government, but there must be as complete a the cure of Rev. S. H. Platt, who had change of men with it. All the probeen apparently incurably lame for a testations of returning friendliness that the Republican leaders might make in a the Republican leaders might make in a

must accomplish the change, if it is accomplished at all. leading city of the Union.

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they have pursued for ten long years

that the United States district-attorney of Washington is "standing," and has "stood in" with a nest of thieves and scoundrels, principal among whom is the son of the attorney, Mr. George P. Fisher. Is it any wonder we have lynch-law, and that thieves are shot dead by their victims in New York city?

Useless expenditure of much time and money, the became assured that he was hopelessly crippied. Besides his house adjoining the DeKalb avenue church, with his family, he usually passes a part of the summer. Toward the end of last month he was there, and one lynch-law, and that thieves are shot dead by their victims in New York city?

Useless expenditure of much time and money, he became assured that he was hopelessly crippied. Besides his house adjoining the DeKalb avenue church, with his farther or other proceedings against the professor on account of that sermon. "Since this decision," says Dr. Combe, "the views delivered by Professor Leechman have been unhesitatingly taught by Scotch divines." Dr. Biair, in his family, he usually passes a part of the summer. Toward the end of last month he was there, and one evening, after having preached sitting to about four thousand persons, while he

LETTERS ON THE PRAYER- was in his cottage suffering considerable by removing an objection which the paid, and trying to recruit his strength, occtrine I have illustrated may appear

Philosophy of the Frayer Question. BDITORS APPEAL-Is not this discusion of the prayer question, provoked by ie APPEAL, likely to resemble the last chapter of Rossela-a conclusion is which nothing is concluded. I canno suppose that you, on your part, wish to courage prayer, or to deny its efficacy Even if we grant the extreme interpre-tation of your position, that prayer can have no result in changing the fixed urposes of the Almighty, there remains s benignant reflex influence on the applicant. And herein, perhaps, consist the surest answer and the mighties power of prayer. The soul that approaches the Deity in humility, contri-tion, reverence and faith, meekly asks ance, cannot but receive a blessed benefaction. The fittest preparation is thus made for the discharge of life's duties, and the endurance of its otherwise in sufferable burdens. You would not, er, I presume, even if you claim, as a philosophical fact, that its influence does not reach beyond the suppliant. On the other hand, those who intelligently claim that "the effectual, fervent much," beyond this subjective influence will not assert that there should, theresee our business manager about space fora, be any cessation in the employment of the appointed means by which the purposes of the Almighty are wrought. "What is His creation a capacious reservoir of means?"

Laborare est orare—to labor is to pray for thus we best exhibit an enlightened guerrilla, which carries on an irregular faith when we fail not to discharge our own duties, firmly trusting that "He that doeth all things well" will never omit his part. Is there not a little mistiness, sometimes, in our full compre hension of what isw means as applied to the Great Lawgiver? A human law is a declaration of what is supposed to be right, but it carries with it no enforcing power. The lawgiver is not present in the law. Far different is a divine law. It is simply the mode by which the Deity accomplishes His always righteous purposes. Its execution is as certain as its enactment. The maker of the iaw is always immanent in it. It "Warms in the sun, refreshes in the bree extent, eads undivided, operates unspent."

Lives through all life, extends through all We need not be accused of being Pantheists because we must believe that God is as present in vitalizing the blade of grass and insuring its growth as he is in the heart of man or in "the rapt ser-aph that adores and burns." He has not revealed all these things to us. He has not created as so that we can comprehend them. Our talk about His ways, and our attempted explanations, some times would be blas; hemous if they were not so puny and contemptable. We vindicate the ways of God to man! We cannot explain how the lowest form of vegetable life grows into the shape whom they called to their councils that some unseen power is sure to give should take care that justice was done | it. How, then, can we explain the great to all in the south, and that good men—
man of influence, in their communities.

Can we deny that Omniscience knows everything in the most distant future as should be put in office. In this way | well as in the nearest past? Have we not, they would have built themselves up in also, an irresistible consciousness that we the south and would have split that great white vote which their actual polited." There is much truth in what the Herald says in the above extract. A mous policy would have sub-intion. President Edwards thought he dued the south, and caused our people | had found it, but his explanation was to reproach themselves for ever attempt- only a new statement of the real diffiing or desiring to separate from those culty. What shall we conclude, then? who, in the hour of victory, had dis- Simply this: that somewhere, just beplayed such noble generosity. Had this policy been adopted all this glorification we cannot see it, because we can only see through "a glass darkly;" because "we only know in part." I do not know why so fierce a contest has sprung up bebeen no antagonism to conciliate. It tween religion and science. What does was as desirable ten years ago as now that the estranged sections should be reconciled, that the people of the north, come skeptical or less reverent because facturers, should avail themselves of the in Nature—that is, in what has been productive energy of the south for the made and is kept in existence by an intelligent power? One would think that his admiration would be inand crippled commerce. The value of creased by the discovery of these our cotton crop alone, as the regulator new marvels of superior intelligence. told importance to the north. It supplied them directly with exchange on Europe from the cold credit that Europe, from the gold credits that came whom religion claims homage and worfrom its sale abroad, and had the people ship? Does not religion expose herself of the north—we mean by this the party to be regarded as bigotry and superstirepresenting them in the admininistra- against science, which should be her mense audience at the Merrick camptive affairs of the government—exhibited | most efficient handmaid? I repeat that meeting. He will relate it again in the DeKalk avenue Methodist Episcopal anything like the spirit of magnanimity usually shown by intelligent conquerors the world over, northern manufacturing interests and commercial advantagement. I see no cause for this antagonism. I see not why the greatest devotee of seigner and the second secon Scotch Presbyterian Authorities or Prayer. turing interests and commercial advan- who has discovered that a divice power

A Test of Prayer. .

EDITORS APPEAL -I send you the fol-

lowing, from the New York Sun, as an

cle by prayer, and from a source that

The prolonged camp-meeting in Ocean

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FAITH AND WORKS,

cannot be questioned.

century, would be utterly powerless to ceived either by his own imagination or

effect the object desired. The fool that by the representation of others. He is killed the goose which laid the golden the author of several standard philo-

egg might as well have sought to resus-cliate the bird, as for the Republican Tishbite, Princely Manhood. To Every

this testimony of his unqualified ap-proval of your article on "Prayer and he Mississippi River," and to offer some evidence that he thinks incontestible in 226 Main Street. favor of your position?
An objection has been stated against

the doctrine of the divine government of the world by established laws; that it is inconsistent with the belief in the efficiency of prayer. This objection has been urged and answered; indeed, it has been deliberately settled by the Church of Scotland itself, in harmony with the views here advocated. In a sermon on prayer by Rev. William Leechman, cred things that he knows as little D D., principal and professor of divini-ty in the college of Glasgow, the following passage occurs: "It is objected," says he, "that since God is infinite in goodness He is always disposed to bestow on his creatures

she knelt before him and began to pray.

Her petition was very simple, evidently

experienced any unusual sensation in his injured limbs, but as he was speak-

cepticle in the joints, "I never," he said,

It seemed as though a sort of condensa-

of her simple petition. She went away

unassumingly. The clergyman's limb

grew stronger every hour, and he threw

iside one of his canes immediately. "I

did not wish to seem presumptuous: but a week ago to-day (Saturday) I went

I did not feel in the least fatigued."

Mr. Platt says that about three

years ago he spoke to Dr. Cullis, of the

Consumptives' Home, in Boston, about

miraculous cures, and the doctor induced

the has no visible means of livelihood,

and Mr. Platt says he thinks she "lives

by faith;" that is, when she feels that

he really requires any of the necessa-

ries of life she prays for them with the

great part of the summer, and is known to everybody there. Mr. Platt, too, is very popular, and his miraculous cure

has astonished the residents. In his

own neighborhood, in DeKalb avenue,

people who have seen him for years a

cripple look at him with unbounded

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whatever is proper for them; and since He is infinite in wisdom He will always choose the fittest time and best manuer of bestowing it. To what purpose then irrefutable answer to your prayer-test give information to our creator of things He was not acquainted with before; so neither is it the design of it to move His affections as good speakers move the hearts of their hearers, by the pathetic arts of oratory; nor to raise His pity, as beggars, by their importunities and tears work upon the compassion of by-standers. God is not subject to those sudden passions and emotions of mind which we feel, nor to any change of His measures and conduct by these influ-ences. He is not wrought upon and changed by our prayers; for with Him there is no variableness nor shadow of sophical works, among which are The turning. Prayer only works its effects upon us as it contributes to change the temper of our minds, to beget or imparty to think of regaining the confidence of twelve millions of people whom

| Man his Work, and Queenly Womanhood. | He is inclined to be skeptical as the powthern open to the impressions of spiriter of prayer to avert or remove temporal | ual objects, and thus qualify us for rewith an animosity unparalled in the history of our race. The Democratic party, for the ministry in the Methodist unior a spontaneous Centennial uprising of versity. Mr. Piatt is forty-five years of Him in sincerity and truth. The efficathe northern people under other than age, but looks somewhat younger. His by or player one in its being the means of hair and his full beard, whiskers, and asking; but in its being the means of mind which age, but looks somewhat younger. His cy of prayer does not lie in the mere

Republican auspices and leadership, mustache are iron gray, and his face producing that frame of mind which qualifies us to receive. Dr. Leechman was presecuted for the alleged heresy of these doctrines before THE New York World supposes that "the gentlemanly-appearing young man" who shot down a pickpocket in a lumber-yard at Ninth avenue and Fifteenth street, in that city on last Saturday afternoon was allowed at element surgeons in the street, in that city on last Saturday afternoon was allowed at element surgeons in the faith expressed slowly along the sidewalk near his slowly along the sidewalk near his in the passeges of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and this right leg was disabled. A "floating the presbytery of these doctrines before the presbytery of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and this right leg was disabled. A "floating the presbytery of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and this right leg was disabled. A "floating the presbytery of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and this right leg was disabled. A "floating the presbytery of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and this right leg was disabled. A "floating the presbytery of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and this right leg was disabled. A "floating the presbytery of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and this right leg was disabled. A "floating the presbytery of the set many the presbytery of the presbytery of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and the presbytery of the presbytery of these doctrines before the was kicked by a vicious horse, and the presbytery of the presbytery of the set many the presbytery of the presbytery of the set many the presbytery of the set day afternoon, was a citizen goaded into house, he struck his left knee regainst plained of." The case was afterward committing a desperate deed by the reflection that an appeal to the police borse kicked him, and within a few in his life of Dr. Leechman, prefixed to would prove ineffectual, and who days he was wholly disabled, and could the sermons, "when the cause came bethought that as lynch law is becoming move only with the aid of two canes or fore them, wisely referred it to a select daily more necessary it would do no harm for some one to begin its administration. Nice state of things in the leading city of the Unit. he again exhausted all the sources of possible surgical relief; but nothing could be done for him, and after the useless expenditure of much time and synod, and prohibited the presbytery of

two ladies were announced. One of to form against religious services, and them introduced herself as Miss Mose- in particular against the duty of prayer. man, and said the Lord had sent her to see him. Mr. Platt, as has been inti- homsge addressed to a being whose purmated, had little or no confidence in dipose is unalterably fixed; to whom our vine help for mere physical ills. He rerighteousness extendeth not; whom by ceived his visitors courteously. Miss Moseman told him that if he had faith no arguments we can pursuade, and b no supplications we can mollify in the power of the Lord to relieve him, The objection would have weight if ou his crippled limbs could be cured, and the minister answered that he had no religious addresses were designed to work any alteration on God, either by doubt of His power, but he questioned giving Him information of what He did His willingness. After some further not know or by exciting affection which conversation the lady proposed prayer, he did not possess; or by inducing Him but Mr. Platt demurred, on the ground to change measures which He had previ conversation the lady proposed prayer, that christians should not ask divine ously formed. But they are only crude help for physical ills, unless assured that and imperfect notions of religion which God would give them the faith necessa-ry to believe that He was willing to as-which our devotions are intended to set them. She tried to convince him make is upon ourselves, not upon the by argument, but the clergyman, a trained logician, easily refuted everything she said. Willing, however, to test her theory if he could consistently do so, he asked her whether, after experiencing the divine revelation that the Lord would enable her to effect a cure, she had ever failed? After a little hesitation she replied that she had hesitation she replied that she had gratitude for His past favors, our sub not, but when persons had come to her and asked her to pray for them, her petition had not been fections as suit our place and station in answered. "This," said Mr. Platt, speak- | the universe, and thereby prepare for becoming objects of divine grace.' ing of the occurrence, "took hold of my There are other authorities which we might mention who hold to the same faith at once, for it was in accordance with my own belief that it was not part of a christian's privilege to pray for the views, prominent among whom are the removal of temporal ills, unless with the direct assurance that the petition would be granted. The lady professed renowned Dr. Whately, archbishep of Dublin, and that eminent philosopher and writer, Lord Kames,

LAMARTINE.
BROWNSVILLE, August 26, 1875.
Answer to the Bigot "Ecclesiasticus." o have received such assurance, and I told her I was willing she should pray for me." He told Miss Moseman he EDITORS APPEAL-Your very able "would believe as best he could," and and sensible article on the high water, in which you do not admit the physical value of prayer, seems to have provoked unstudied, and seemingly to be addressed rather to a near personal protection the wrath of a few malignant bigots and to have brought a bornet's nest than to the throne of the Most High. It about your ears. One of your cornlasted about two minutes, and toward spondents, who signs himself "Ecclesiasticus," uses the following language the close the supplicant placed her hands upon Mr. Platt's knees. "Rather," said the clergyman, "because there was no "Can any one doubt that the fearful yellow-fever plague of 1873 was a maziother place to rest them on than with any purpose of effecting a cure by ma-nipulation. So little vitality or magestation of the wrath of God at the wickedness of the people in selling pea-nuts on Sunday, and Sabbath-breaking in other ways." This, at the first glance, netic force did she seem to possess that I was unconscious of any warmth from might seem a burlesque, were it not eviher hands as they lay on my knees." Having finished the prayer, Miss Moseman arose, and the conversadent, from the general tone of the letter, that this Ecclesiastic-cuss is in sober earnest. This is but the remains of that tion was resumed. Mr. Platt had not important and lying old dectrine of shrine-cure which was almost universaling a very singular feeling was perly received in the dark ages. The Indians of the far west have their great medicine men who pray and whoop, felt anything like it before or since. and sing and dance, in order to drive away disease, but when they fail to effect a cure they are taken out and killed by the knees was in progress, the sensation the relatives of the sick. Now, this is apparently spreading upward." Very the "test" I want applied to these modern bigots. If these men have it in soon he was able to put his feet on the ground and walk with a somewhat uncertain step. Miss Moseman expressed their power to avert calamities like the 'fearful yellow-fever plague of 1873," or no surprise when she learned the result the overflow of 1875, without trouble or expense to themselves, and fail to do so, they should be held responsible by the sufferers, and be held in general execration by every friend of humanity. Will continued to use the other," he said, "not because I really required it, but I had carried it for twenty-five years, and they stand the test? RUSTIC-CUSS.
TIPTON COUNTY, August 26, 1875.

ROANOKE COLLEGE without any support, and walked two miles; and I could have walked ten, for Salem, Virginia.

him. For two days afterward he felt as though his limbs were a little better, but there was no material result. Miss Moseman is a quiet, subdued person, about forty years of age. She has a house, consisting of a single room, at Ocean Grove, which, it is supposed, was given to her by some charitable person. She has no visible means of livelihood.

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sent to her. She lives at Ocean Grove a great part of the summer.

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erect and without support. He is still conscious of a little stiffness in his knee oints, but this, too, is disappearing. On Sunday, the eighth instant, he stood upright in the pulpit without any assistance for the first time in twenty-five

years, and a week later he told the story		A A 100 AL
of his injuries and their cure to an im- mense audience at the Merrick camp- meeting. He will relate it again in the	Calicoes,	lowelings, Edgings,
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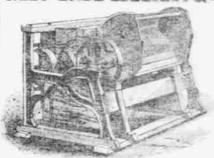
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